THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Waltair division is presently part of South Eastern Railway and not South Central Railway.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Thefts in Railway Zones

1018. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the loss on account of thefts of goods in different Railway Zones during the last 3 years;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken some special measures to check this; and

(c) whether there are some theft-prone Zone, where the Ministry should concentrate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The loss on account of theft of goods over Indian Railways for the last 3 years is as under:—

	Years (Figures in Rupees)		
Railway	1997	1998	1999
Central	5686310	1487040	2295067
Eastern	11063592	7278336	8307382
Northern	3344591	4541271	2810534
North-Eastern	2581684	2281847	1869663
Northeast Frontier	8091547	4497079	3511046
Southern	948830	981971	2705532

Railway	Years (Figures in Rupees)		
	1997	1998	1999
South Central	1465065	989638	846724
South Eastern	2017601	1737833	1160400
Western	2889859	1352894	1118937

The following preventive measures are being taken to curb such thefts:—

(1) Escorting of trains carrying valuable consignment over vulnerable sections as far as possible.

(2) Intensive beat patrolling in yards and other affected areas/ section.

(3) Joint checking at interchange points to take stock of the conditions of wagons/seals, carrying consignments.

(4) RPF armed pickets are posted/deployed in vulnerable sections as far as possible.

(5) Plain clothed RPF personnel are also deployed to collect crime intelligence with a view to tracking down the criminals.

(6) Based on criminal intelligence, raids and searches are conducted on the dens of criminals/receivers of stolen property in order to bring them to book.

(7) Dog squads are deployed for patrolling vulnerable yards and areas.

(8) Close coordination between RPF, GRP and Local police is maintained at various levels to apprehend criminals and receivers of stolen property.

(c) No, Sir.

Survey about ticketless Travellers

1019. SHRI DINA NATO MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whther any survey has been conducted about the ticketless travellers in the Railways;